

May 24, 2020

## The Ascension of the Lord



### **Christ Raised to Heaven Present in the Church**

**Christ, who ascended into heaven in his body, carries on what he began on earth through his new body – the community of believers. The Church is the place of manifestation of the invisible, though active presence of the Risen Lord. Jesus continues to teach, heal, and comfort us. We do not live without him as we wait. He is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the Church.**

Today's Bulletin is printed  
in memory of Geraldine Toth.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Venice Kouba

Thursday, May 28

5:30 p.m. Louis Barta,

Agnes Jasek & Lillie Zimmerhanzel (Praha)

Friday, May 29

8:00 a.m. Gene Hrcir, Dannis Wagner,  
Carrie & Frank Zamykal

Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Kenneth Mikulenka

*This Sunday's Mass will be on demand from St. Mary's, Praha for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website [www.stjosephsmoulton.org](http://www.stjosephsmoulton.org).*

*Mass with a congregation will be at 9:00 a.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.*

### **PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY**

Next weekend is *Pentecost Sunday*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 2:1-11**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
for a Special Intention.

## 2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2020 Assessment ..... \$17,685.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$ 5,070.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$12,615.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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*Loretta & Tony Janak*

*Karin & Kenneth Filipp*

*Floris Ann & David Simper*

Do please consider making a donation.

### **A Call To Our Higher Self**

What messages of hope did Jesus leave his followers' spirits? Not only had Jesus appeared to them after his agonizing death, he went to great lengths to prove that he was still alive, healed and at peace. Don't we also cling to the vision that our deceased loved ones are at peace? Jesus assured them, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of age." Death may separate us, but the imprint of love we have shared will always be on our hearts. In the face of heart-wrenching grief, Jesus promises that love never dies or leaves us. As the disciples stood spellbound watching him being taken from them, they heard the promise of Jesus' return. How comforting to know that death does not have the last word.

Jesus instructed, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) What was he asking of us as Christians? As the church celebrates the feast of the Ascension, how is it calling you and I to our higher selves?

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**



Augustine taught that the human heart is created with a desire for God, but we are prone to falling for cheap substitutes.

### **SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS, JUNE 21**

To have your Father specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, drop the attached Father's Day envelope in the collection, drop slot or mail by June 14.

## REFLECTION



### *One Must Not Stand There, Looking At The Sky*

The angels of the Ascension send the disciples back to their native Galilee, where Jesus had begun his ministry. They address them as they did the women at the empty tomb: *Why?* The disciples should not then have searched for *the living one among the dead*. No more must they now look for him in the heavens, passively contemplating the cloud that had hidden him from their sight. As witnesses of both the Ascension and Resurrection, the disciples are assured of the Lord's Return. In the meantime, they must strive to proclaim the gospel to the *ends of the earth*. The two men dressed in white garments (angels) teach us that we should not retire to the mountains to escape the battles on the plain. They also teach us something about the liturgy. The celebration lasts only a short while and ends with the sending forth of the assembly: *Go forth, the Mass is ended. Do not stand there looking at the sky. Go back to Galilee (the world) where your mission awaits you.*

The liturgy, properly understood and experienced, renews and inspires the missionary spirit of those who participate in it.

To celebrate the Ascension, contemplating and singing the glory of the Lord, is to pray that the gospel may be proclaimed to the whole world. Time is passing, *for the Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May 26 – Adela Beran  
May 27 – Albin Lamza, Eugene Trejo  
May 28 – Hanna Beyer, Kyle Trejo  
May 29 – Angeline Jalufka, Nick Rapoza  
May 30 – Cecelia Fikac, Alvin Kocian, Joyce Luksovksy, Harper Wagner

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 27 – Congratulations Donna & Kevin Sturm  
on your 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## MEMORIAL DAY- MAY 25, 2020



### Taps

**Day is done, gone the sun  
from the lake,  
from the hill, from the sky.  
All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.**

**Thanks and praise for our days 'neath the sun,  
'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.**

We remember and pray for the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We also pray for those serving our country now at home and abroad.

## PENTECOST – NEXT SUNDAY



### *Veni Sancte Spiritus Come Holy Spirit*

As its name indicates, Pentecost is the feast that takes place fifty days after Easter Sunday. It is the crowning finale of the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, which lasts throughout Eastertime and ends with the pouring out of the Spirit over the apostles and in the Church. Pentecost is the final manifestation of God that has given birth to the Church.

**Take time this week to pray for the outpouring  
of the Holy Spirit on our parish family.**

### **Prayer**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And thou shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*